

To the Honorable the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Beaver county.

THE PETITION of *John Jay* a native of *Ireland* respectfully  
showeth: That he declared on *oath* before the *Prothy of the Court of*  
*Common Pleas of Beaver Co Pa* on the *9* day of *Sept* 18 *56* that it was bona fide  
his intention to become a citizen of the United States, and to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity  
to any prince, potentate, state or sovereignty whatever, and particularly to the *Queen of England*  
of whom he was at that time a *subject*; that your petitioner has resided  
within the United States upwards of five years, and in the state of Pennsylvania one year, both periods  
immediately preceding this his application to become a citizen of the United States; and that he has  
never borne any hereditary title, or been of any of the orders of nobility in his own or any other country.

He therefore prays that, on his making the proof and taking the oath prescribed by law, he may be  
admitted a citizen of the United States of America. And he will ever pray, &c.

*John Jay*

*Thomas M. Greery* a citizen of the United States, being duly sworn  
according to law, saith that he knows and is well acquainted with *John Jay*  
the petitioner; that to his knowledge he has resided in the United States five years, and in the state of  
Pennsylvania one year, both periods immediately preceding his application to become a citizen; that  
during the said period of five years, he has behaved as a person of good moral character, attached to  
principles of the constitution of the United States; and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the  
same.

*Sworn* in open court,

*Thos. M. Greery*

*W. M. Gray* Prothonotary.

I, *John Jay* do swear that the contents of my petition  
are true; that I will support the constitution of the United States; and I now renounce and relinquish  
any title or order of nobility to which am now or hereafter may be entitled; and I do absolutely  
and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state or  
sovereignty whatever, and particularly to the *Queen of England* of whom  
I was before a *subject*

*John Jay*  
*Sworn* in open court this *13* day of *Sept* 18 *56*.

*W. M. Gray*

Prothonotary.